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THE SITUATION IN CUBA

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1. Photography of 13 November, on preliminary analysis, shows no change in the status of IL-28 aircraft at San Julian airfield except for the addition of camouflage netting. There are seven planes completely assembled or nearly so, four partially assembled, and two uncrated fuselages, along with 20 fuselage crates. We have no new coverage of Holguin airfield.

2. At least four of the 11 ships which have removed missiles and associated equipment from Cuba now are scheduled to unload at Odessa in the Black Sea. Latest position reports make it appear that most of the others are on a similar heading. The passenger ship NIKOLAEVSK, probably carrying missile personnel, is heading for Kaliningrad in the Baltic.

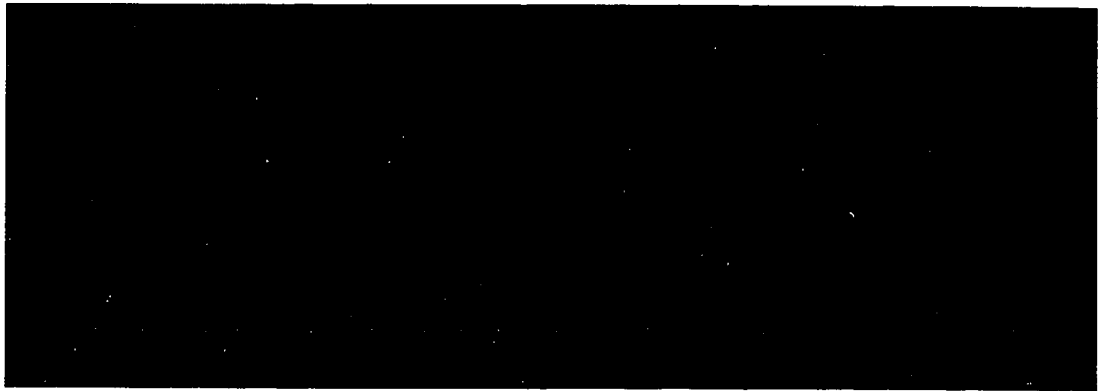
3. There is no significant change in bloc military status. [REDACTED]

4. There is still no progress report on Mikoyan's talks with Castro, nor any indication of when Mikoyan plans to leave. The Soviets appear to be giving increasing support to Castro's "five demands," and a Moscow broadcast has referred to Mr. Gilpatric's statements on the IL-28's as a "flimsy argument" for withholding a US guarantee and continuing the blockade.

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